STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7575

Tariff filing of Washington Electric)
Cooperative, Inc. re: proposed rate design)
changes, to take effect December 11, 2009)

Order entered: 1/7/2010

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

A prehearing conference in this docket was held on December 21, 2009. Appearances were entered by Joshua Diamond, Esq., Diamond and Robinson, PC, for Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("WEC"), and Geoffrey Commons, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"). On December 16, 2009, the Department a filed motion for the admission *pro hac vice* of Louise Porter, Esq., to practice before the Vermont Public Service Board in this proceeding. WEC did not object to the Department's motion for Ms. Porter to serve as co-counsel. At the prehearing conference, I granted the Department's *pro hac vice* motion.

I hereby adopt the schedule discussed at the prehearing conference. Responses to motions to intervene will be due one week after the motion is filed. The schedule is as follows:

January 7, 2010	Department serves first round of discovery on WEC.
January 21, 2010	WEC responds to first round of discovery.
February 4, 2010	Department serves second round of discovery on WEC.
February 4, 2010	Public Hearing
February 12, 2010	Deadline for motions to intervene.
February 19, 2010	WEC responds to second round of discovery.
February 26, 2010	Department files direct testimony.
March 12, 2010	WEC serves first round of discovery on Department.
March 26, 2010	Department responds to first round of discovery.
April 9, 2010	WEC serves second round of discovery on Department.

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April 23, 2010 Department responds to second round of discovery.

May 3, 2010 WEC files rebuttal testimony.

Technical hearings will be scheduled for the week of May 17, 2010. The briefing schedule will be determined at the technical hearings. As discussed at the prehearing conference, on December 23, 2009, WEC made a filing with the Board in which it agreed to a one-month extension of the seven-month deadline for a final order pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this __7th____ day of __January_____, 2010.

s/Andrea C. McHugh Andrea C. McHugh Hearing Officer

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FILED: January 7, 2010

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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